

Coffman Votes Against Bloated and Irresponsible Spending Bill

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) - Rep. Mike Coffman (R-Aurora) issued the following statement today after voting against passage of H.R. 3288, an almost 2,500 page, \$447 billion dollar spending bill. H.R. 3288 contains six of the seven outstanding annual appropriations bills:

“The massive, across-the-board increases this bill sets forth are staggering and just plain irresponsible. Our national debt is skyrocketing and this administration and Congress chooses to belligerently push an agenda of colossal spending - from new entitlements, to bailouts, to stuffing already bloated federal budgets with more borrowed cash. The 12.2% average budget increase in each of these six appropriations bills is just another stark reminder of the Democrats’ constant need to feed their spending addiction.”

“The president and this Democrat led Congress continue to believe that this country can spend its way out of this recession – and to them that means more big government. Recently the president has been speaking about the need to focus on fiscal discipline, but the Democrats’ rhetoric continues to fail and meet reality. This Congress and this administration have also been vocal about earmark reform and cutting wasteful spending but unsurprisingly, this bill contains more than 5,000 earmarks for pork projects. What message does it send to the American people when Democrats here in Washington continue to cultivate a culture of, “Do as I say, not as I do?”

“The Democrats leading this Congress should be relabeled as “Spendocrats.” No matter what the problem is, if you ask them for a solution, the answer is always the same – spend. There was a time not too long ago, when the word “trillion” meant something in this country. Now it’s just another adjective.”

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